

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GEORGE ROBERTS,

No. C-04-1933 JSW (EMC)

Plaintiff,

**ORDER EXCUSING ATTENDANCE AT
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

v.

AMERICAN SHIP MANAGEMENT, LLC,

Defendant.

By letter dated August 29, 2005, Plaintiff GEORGE ROBERTS, thru his counsel Alfred G. Johnson, Law Offices of Lyle C. Cavin, Jr., requested to be excused from personally appearing at the settlement conference scheduled for September 6, 2005.

Upon consideration of the request, the Court finds good cause for excusing personal attendance. Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that Plaintiff GEORGE ROBERTS be available by telephone from 9:30 a.m. Pacific Time until further notice on September 6, 2005.

If the Court concludes that the absence of Plaintiff GEORGE ROBERTS is impeding the settlement conference, the Court may continue the settlement conference and may order personal attendance by each party including Plaintiff GEORGE ROBERTS.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 31, 2005


EDWARD M. CHEN
United States Magistrate Judge